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CLINTON PIONEERS THEIR MEMORY VENERATED

by Sheldon Norton

Pioneer Day, August 27, 1915

The boyhood recollections of Sheldon Norton of Carbondale, a son of Deacon E. K. Norton, an honored member of Clinton Church, contained most interesting references to pioneer settlers.

The elk's horns on Asa Stanton's front porch are one of the land marks in my boyhood days and I have never passed the house in all of the years that are gone without looking for them. The day dreams of hunting elk and Indians were many and the camp fires that have blazed in my imagination are not a few. Was there ever born in a country where the forests were being cut down, a boy that did not long for a frontier life and to be a second Daniel Boone or a Kit Carson?

As I try to write this story of what I saw, or rather how men and things looked to me, there is unraveled a panorama of moving pictures of men and scenes that run so fast that they seem to blend into one picture, but when I think that more than sixty years have passed away and of the thousands of men and pictures I have seen, it is hard to separate the pictures and not look at the past from the stand point of one who has nearly reached the age of three score and ten.

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